

WAR TALKS

By UNCLE DAN

Number Six

Billie and Jimmie Will Take Military Training.

"I am mighty sorry, Uncle Dan, that this is your last night with us. Can't you stay longer? We boys are having a peach of a time," said Billie.

"Well, if you get more out of it in the way of pleasure than I," said Uncle Dan, "you are going home."

"Billie, I have been talking seriously with your father and mother about sending you to a military academy and they asked me to talk with you about it."

"Whoopie!" Billie screamed, like a wild Indian.

"Now, hold your horses," said Uncle Dan, "and listen to me. You know I sent my boy, Howard, to one of these schools for a year when he was about your age. He was narrow chested, stoop shouldered, rather loose jointed; he had the big head and needed discipline and physical development. He was growing fast and I wanted him to be strong physically."

"Say, Uncle Dan," said Billie, "I believe your description of Howard fits me pretty well, eh?"

"Well," said Uncle Dan, "to be frank I think it does; you need the same thing. Howard did not like it at first. I am told for a few weeks he had 'rough sledding,' but after he found that the only way was to obey orders, he caught the spirit of the institution and liked it. We did not see him for about six months. He had gained about 20 pounds in weight, his muscles were as hard as nails, he stood as straight as an arrow, he was courteous, consider-



Note the result of six months of military training. Compare lines A-A and B-B to cut.

ate and manly. His awkwardness had disappeared. The change was wonderful and it was all to the good. Here is a photograph showing 'before and after training,' and I am sure no patent medicine advertisement could beat it.

"Well, mother and I were delighted. That was ten years ago, and Howard says the year he spent at the military academy was the best year of his life."

"Now," said Uncle Dan, "with great earnestness, 'when such training does so much good, make better citizens and at the same time fit a man to defend his country, why should not Uncle Sam furnish this training at the government's expense? The government has the right to call anyone to serve in case of war, and without training, a man is worth nothing as a soldier. Uncle Sam has splendid new training camps that will soon be available for the purpose, therefore, here is double reason why the Chamberlain bill for compulsory military training should be passed at once, so that every boy physically fit may have this training and not leave it for his parents to pay for. On account of the expense, not one boy in 50 can take the training now. I am glad that you can do so. These big crops and big prices, I find, make the farmers rather 'cocky,' and that the best is demanded by them."

"Billie was up with the lark the next morning, more excited and enthusiastic than ever. He had a plan. He knew Jimmie owned a colt worth \$100; that he would make almost another \$100 on his potatoes if they turned out well, and that he had from his previous savings, bought a \$100 Liberty bond. Billie's plan was to have Jimmie cash in and go with him. He was disappointed to find that Jimmie would still lack about \$200 of having enough to see him through. His lip quivering, he said: 'I'm mighty sorry to leave Jimmie.'"

Uncle Dan was silent a moment or two, then he asked Billie to go down to the orchard and get him some apples to eat on the train. While he was gone, it was arranged that Uncle Dan and Mr. and Mrs. Graham would advance the money necessary so that Jimmie could go. When Billie returned he was told about it. He ran to the phone and called Jimmie, saying: "Come on over, run just as fast as you can. We got the greatest news you ever heard of."

GREAT AIR FLEET IS NOW IN SIGHT

ROTORS TURNED OUT IN QUANTITIES, PILOTS IN TRAINING ABROAD.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Production of Liberty aeroplane motors on a quantity basis actually has begun, American army aviators are in training on the fighting lines in Europe and the nation is within sight of realization of the great air fleet projected since the United States entered the war.

Figures can not be published, but it became known today that members of the Air Board who returned recently from an inspection trip to plants and flying fields are satisfied that another sixty days will see men and machines being turned out at a rate that insures the ultimate success of their plans.

The first machine-made Liberty motor was completed on Thanksgiving day and a substantial number of the machines will be delivered this month. The machine-made product has functioned under test as satisfactorily as the hand-made motors first constructed and so far no important defect in design has revealed itself.

Other Plants To Begin Work.

Other plants will begin delivery of machine-made motors within a few weeks. One will have a capacity of several thousand completed motors a month. With all plants working, the monthly production of motors not only will permit the equipment of the air forces the United States is raising and training, but will also permit the government to supply many thousands of the engines to various of the allied powers that have asked for them to supplement their own output.

Meanwhile, training of the men—aviators and observers and thousands of mechanics needed to keep the fliers in air—is moving forward steadily, both at home and abroad. The capacity of the plant for producing aviators at home has been expanded to the point where the most serious problems now facing the government in this part of its war work is to get enough students of the right kind to educate.

The ground schools are turning out every week a large class ready for preliminary flying work. Probably a fifth of the men admitted to the ground schools fail to complete the rigorous course of general instruction required. Certainly an equal percentage drop out before each class passes on to its preliminary flying course.

It is no secret, however, that more than 1,000 candidates for the coveted rank of junior military aviator have already been sent overseas. Probably the number at work abroad is far in excess of that figure. They are training in every allied country that specializes in aviation and reports from France, England and Italy have noted their presence.

The equipment for the vanguard of the airmen is being obtained abroad. It includes planes of the most up-to-date fighting types and for training purposes in this country similar machines have been brought over. They will be needed to familiarize the men with engines they might be called upon to operate on the other side.

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The Reward of Age.

The wife of a Missouri editor, whose family evidently wants to be shown, stood last week at the corner of Times square, New York, holding the hand of her little daughter, twelve years old. They watched the passing crowd for about five minutes when the child looked up and said, "Mother, when will I be old enough to wear short skirts?"

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PIER MILE LONG IS BEING BUILT

U. S. ENGINEERS ARE RUSHING WORK AT A FRENCH PORT.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Probably not one person in 10,000 in the United States has the slightest appreciation of the tremendous problems involved in Uncle Sam's work of arranging to keep his army in France fully supplied and equipped.

Some idea may be given by a statement of what is being done at one French port in arranging terminal facilities to receive supplies from this side, classify them and start them on to the front.

At this port American engineers are rushing work on one unloading pier one mile long. This pier will accommodate ten 500-foot vessels at one time.

Forty huge cranes—four for each vessel—are being installed on this pier to facilitate unloading. One hundred and fifty electric trucks and 1,200 trailers will be used in carrying the various classes of supplies to their proper stations on the pier, each truck drawing four trailers while four others are being loaded or unloaded.

Back of the classification yards run a network of a dozen railway tracks.

A maximum unloading time of forty-eight hours has been established for vessels at this pier, which means that five 500-foot cargo carriers must be emptied here each twenty-four hours.

With the exception of the lumber—which is being got out of French woods by American regiments of forest—rangers—all the materials for this pier and its equipment is being sent from the United States.

The work on this one pier, however, is only a small part of what is being done. Similar piers, but somewhat smaller, are being built at least two other ports.

By the time our additional shipping becomes available next spring, Uncle Sam's own terminals in France will be able to handle supplies at the rate of at least 50,000 tons per day. This will be at the rate of 100 pounds per day per man for an army of 1,000,000.

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Only citizens of the United States and friendly countries may obtain licenses. The purchaser of dynamite must state definitely what the explosive is to be used for when obtaining his license, and will be held accountable for its use as stated and the re-

turn of any that may be left.

With the strict enforcement of this law the Federal authorities hope to prevent explosives falling into the hands of evilly disposed persons, and to put a stop to all further dynamite plots.

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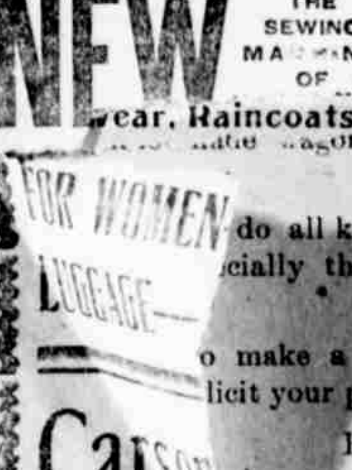
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